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1. WILL BE RECALLED THAT MIN/STATE MOHAMED RIAD WAS THE PRINCIPAL GOE POLITICAL REP AT RECENT EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN TALKS AT SOLLUN (REFTEL). IN MEETING WITH HIM THIS MORNING, I TOLD HIM OF GAMASY'S ACCOUNT OF THE SOLUN MEETING AND ASKED IF LIBYANS HAVE YET REPLIED TO THE EGYPTIAN DEMAND FOR THE RETURN OF THOSE EGYPTIAN "PRISONERS" STILL BEING HELD AT LIBYA. RIAD SAID MESSAGES ARE BEING PASSED BACK AND FORTH AT THE MILITARLY LEVEL, BUT HE KNIEW OF NO DEFINITIVE LIBYAN RESPONSE TO THE EGYPTIAN DEMAND. NOR HAD ANY DATE YET BEEN SET FOR A SECOND SENIOR LEVEL POLITICAL/MILITARY MEETING. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE LIBYAN DEL HAD BEEN TAKEN ABACK BY THE EGYPTIAN DEMAND AND BY THE EGYPTIAN UNWILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS BROADER QUESTIONS OF DISENGAGEMENT UNTIL THE PRISONER ISSUE IS RESOLVED.

2. ASKED IF HE OPTIMISTIC THAT A GRADUAL ABATEMENT OF EGYPTIAN/ LIBYAN TENSIONS MIGHT COME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF THE CURRENT BILATERAL DIALOGUE, RIAD ANSWERED IN THE NEGATIVE. QADHAFI, SECRET

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HE NOTED, MAY BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE HIS DISRUPTIVE POLICIES. QADHAFI OPPOSES A ME PACE SETTLEMENT, CONTINUES TO SUPPORT TERRORISM AND STILL HARBORS THE ISSUSION THAT HE IS NASSER'S RIGHTFUL HEIR TO UNIFY THE ARAB WORLD. RIAD DOUBTED THAT QADHFI WILL IN THE NEAR FUTURE MOUNT ANOTHER MILITARY ATTACK, BUT THOUGHT LIBYAN SPONSORED SUBVERSION AND BOMBING INCIDENTS IN EGYPT WILL CONTINUE.

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